

"By the senate, December 24, 1793: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

On the second reading the amendments to the supplement to the act concerning petitions for freedom, the question was put, That the house accede to the first clause in the second amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house accede to the second clause in the said amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Duvall, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

W. Thomas,	Hawkins,	Kerr,	Ward,	Whittington,	Montgomery,
Kilgour,	J. Thomas,	Goldborough,	Ewing,	Dennis,	Douglafs,
Tilghman,	Digges,	Denwood,	Bowie,	Houfton,	Hughes,
Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm. King,	T. Wootton,	Purnell,	Crabb,	Oncale,
Brogden,	Ridgely,	Sprigg,	Beatty,	R. Wootton,	Bayard.
Ridout,	T. Worthington,	O'Bryon,	Jamison,		
Freeland,	Cox,	Seney,	Jarrett,		

N E G A T I V E.

J. Worthington,	Duvall,	Loockerman,	M'Mechen,	Van Lear,	Tomlinfon,
Quynn,	Barnes,	Driver,	Swearingen,	Johnfon,	Simkins.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments were read throughout, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting communications from the court of appeals, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

The resolution in favour of James Hutchings, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1793: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 24, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from the resolution in favour of James Hutchings, but if you will originate a new one; with the following proviso annexed, it will pass this house: Provided the chancellor shall be of opinion, on evidence to be produced to him, that a tract of land called Billingham, commonly known by the name of the Homony Pot, which was lately recovered by the state of Maryland against Charles Steuart, was held by Robert Smith in trust for the late Sir Robert Eden, deceased, and shall certify such opinion in writing to the treasurer.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following instructions: To the SENATORS in the UNITED SENATE.

GENTLEMEN,

THE repeated declarations of the sentiments of the people of the United States, on the subject of opening the doors of the senate of congress, when sitting in their legislative and judicial capacities, have been declared to congress and the world in the form of instructions and resolutions by many states in the union; notwithstanding the want of success which has hitherto attended this measure in your honourable house, we, the general assembly of Maryland, your immediate constituents, are of opinion we should be wanting in duty to our citizens and constituents, should we omit to add our further instructions to those which have already been forwarded from this, and other states in the union, on this interesting subject. What reasons influence the senate to continue this unpopular seclusion from the eyes of their fellow-citizens, we are ignorant. That mysterious conduct, so universally complained of, tends to cover those reasons with the impenetrable veil of secrecy. It is peculiarly to be lamented, that the remonstrances of the people are too often neglected. Often has it happened in many countries, (and experience should teach us to avoid the dangers,) that those at the helm of affairs have continued to contemn the sense of the majority, until the popular mind, stimulated by a sense of injury and contempt, has burst forth in a paroxysm of passion, dislevered the bands of the political association, and suspended for a while every operation of government. We consider secrecy on particular occasions may be necessary, but that no sufficient reasons have ever been offered to induce an opinion, that it can be necessary to conceal from the public your ordinary proceedings, and we flatter ourselves, that however opposite it may be to the sentiments of one of you,